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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Forces Division, ORR

25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED]
THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS
FROM : Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division, CIA
SUBJECT : Cheng-tu Airframe Plant
REFERENCES : (1) ORR Requirement No. C-RR5-82,349
(2) CIA/PID Project No. 30386-5

1. This memorandum is in answer to the referenced requirement concerning the Cheng-tu Airframe Plant.

2. Cheng-tu Airframe Plant is located adjacent to Cheng-tu/Wen-chiang Airfield approximately 6.5 nautical miles (nm) northwest of the center of Cheng-tu. An analysis of this plant was made in CIA/PIR 1003/64, titled "The Chinese Communist Aircraft Industry 1944-1963". The following is an updating of that analysis using [REDACTED] (Figure No. 1 and No. 2).

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3. A comparison of the photography [REDACTED] used in CIA/PIR 1003/64, with that of [REDACTED] reveals that the airframe plant is now complete, almost four years after it was first observed under construction in [REDACTED]. This comparison also shows the addition of seven new buildings in the housing and administration area and new control tower and repair hangar at the adjacent airfield. The gas plant appears to be operating and the stains on the roofs of two forge/foundry buildings and one sub-assembly/machine shop building (Figure No. 1 and No. 2) indicates that the airframe plant is in some degree of operation. Other changes which have occurred during this time period are annotated on Figure No. 1 and Figure No. 2.

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25X1D Data compiled by the NPIC Technical Intelligence Division from [REDACTED] gives new dimensions for the runway at the adjacent Cheng-tu/Wen-chiang Airfield. The new dimensions are approximately 8,265 feet by 195 feet, as opposed to the old dimensions of 8,000 feet by 190 feet. Two (2) Fagot/Frescos were observed at the airfield on [REDACTED]

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4. The photo analyst on this project was [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2546 should you have further questions regarding this project. This project is considered to be complete.

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ENCLOSURES:

- 1 Annotated Photo Enlargement
- 1 Vu-graph w/contact print
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